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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

### County Ticket.

For County Treasurer, WALTER GEORGE.

For Sheriff, Capt. V. C. TALBOT.

For County Clerk, JAMES CHITTICK.

For Clerk of Dist. Court, Lieut. H. F. KENNEDY.

For County Judge, J. A. ARMOUR.

For County Superintendent, J. H. TARRANT.

For County Surveyor, F. E. VANANTWERP.

For County Coroner, Dr. H. F. DAVIES.

### Township Ticket.

Clerk, W. W. COWLES.

Treasurer, J. M. KIMBERLING.

Justices of the Peace, J. J. SNYDER.

Constables, L. McCANDLESS.

P. M. TOWSLEY.

Wm. BARRETT.

### Road Overseers.

District No. 1, CHAS. DAVIS.

District No. 2, J. B. KENYON.

District No. 3, JOHN BOYCE.

District No. 4, N. PEESHALE.

District No. 5, P. H. ARTHUR.

District No. 6, G. E. CADWELL.

District No. 7, G. T. WRIGHT.

### Supervisor District Convention.

District No. 2.

The republican supervisor convention of district no. 2, Custer county Nebraska is hereby called to meet in Round Valley school house Sept. 20th at 1 o'clock p. m. to place in nomination a candidate for supervisor for said district and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention. The basis of representation is the same as for the county convention. J. O. TAYLOR, Chm.

Vote for the entire republican ticket, and you will never have cause to regret it.

In the southwest, where F. E. VanAntwerp, the republican nominee for surveyor, is best known, is where he will get his big majority over his competitor.

For two years Judge Armour has filled the position of county judge to the entire satisfaction of the whole people, and it is for that reason that he is going to be re-elected by a big majority.

Walt George's candidacy for the office of treasurer, meets the approbation of a very large per cent of the voters of Custer county. They say he is just the man to succeed Lomax, one of the most efficient treasurers the pops ever elected.

Is it not strange that the pop papers are saying nothing in favor of their candidates for treasurer, clerk of the district court, superintendent, coroner or surveyor. Are they ashamed of them, or have they given all up but the sheriff and judge?

The reason assigned by the voters for preferring Lieut. Kennedy for the office of clerk of the district court, is that he not only went to war against Spain and helped to capture Manila, but that he staid with his regiment until mustered out.

Every citizen who believes that our soldier boys are entitled to their support for their patriotism and bravery, will not fail to vote for Lieut. Kennedy, who fell, pierced through the lung with a mauler bullet, on that fatal day when Col. Stotsenburg fell mortally wounded.

Joe Osborne and Mark Schueringer, pop candidates for clerk and treasurer respectively, were in the city Monday, ostensibly to see the big elephants, but in fact to see if they could not in some way impede the progress their republican opponents are making upon their political fences.

The fusionists of the Twelfth judicial district have already "viewed with alarm" the nomination of ex-Judge F. G. Hamer for his old place on the bench of the district, and the alarm is of such a violent type that they have little hope of pulling Judge Sullivan through for another term.—Kearney Hub.

Judge Hamer reports the outlook for his election is very flattering. Buffalo and Dawson county have assured him that they will give him handsome majorities. The judge is very popular with the farmers of Custer county, for his bold stand in their favor in their time of need, and they will not forget to return the compliment.

It was not competency the pops wanted when George Richtmyer was a candidate for county clerk, if it had been they would have renominated him. The public will now turn to Jas. Chittick, the honest farmer and scholar for Mr. Richtmyer's successor.

The judicial campaign in the Twelfth district is still young, but it is old enough to show up some mighty healthy indications in connection with Judge Hamer's candidacy. Reports from all quarters are to the effect that Sullivan's candidacy is suffering from eclipse and is at present in the condition of a wilted cabbage leaf.—Kearney Hub.

Since Bryan's announcement in California, last Thursday, that he was "in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war in the Philippines until the insurgents were subdued, and the establishment of United States authority over the islands first," his followers who have been making anti expansion the issue of the campaign, are at a loss to know what to do next.

Speaking of Judge Kinkade's nomination the Beatrice Express says: "They could not have made a better choice. The judge is a man of wide reputation, and his ability is recognized throughout the state; and there are no spots on his record. He will put on a very strong fight, and, although his district is the stronghold of the reformers, there is a good chance that he will win."

The verdict rendered in the court martial against Capt. Dreyfus in France, last Saturday, was not a surprise but an outrage on justice. From the evidence published there was not a single accusation made against him proven, yet the court, which is a part of the military regime in that republic, upheld the army officers in their malicious intent, and sentenced Dreyfus to ten years imprisonment. The present indications are however now favorable to the sentence being commuted, and that in a few days he may be a free man.

The Beacon persists in maintaining its false statement in reference to what Fred Cummings should have said in his speech when nominated at the county convention, when he said: "If elected I will serve my party first and the public second." The Beacon may continue to deny the statement, but every time it does it lowers itself in the estimation of the hundreds of people who heard and know the statement was made. It may be good political policy to maintain a lie when you tell one in some cases, but not in case the public knows it is not true, as in this.

A minister of the gospel told us the other day that while on the train a short time since he met a soldier just returned from the Philippines, who delighted in abusing the war, the President, Gen. Otis and the whole push. The minister, remembering the published statement of General Shafter that these men were generally renegades that had been sent home in disgrace, ask him if he had got into trouble over there. He finally acknowledged that he had spent six months in the military prison and was then sent home. That is the kind of fellows the demopop leaders are getting their inspiration from. The minister is a real live gentleman and we will introduce any one to him that so desires.—Loup City Northwestern.

In acknowledging that it had falsified in reference to the precincts represented at the republican convention the Beacon stated last week: "We based our conclusions upon the fact that the report of the committee on credentials was indefinite. If our statement was incorrect we stand corrected." The last sentence is very good. No honest man could do more, but the preceding excuse appears to us like a fabrication, for which there is no excuse unless the Beacon reporter is both deaf and unable to read. The "committee on credentials" reported that he had in his

possession credentials from every precinct in the county representing 196 delegates, the full quota. The report as published stated that the secretary reported that credentials had been handed in from every precinct in the county, making a total of 196 delegates, and to verify the statement the entire list of delegates was published, as a reference to the REPUBLICAN of that date will show.

"It is but fair to state that the article which appeared in the REPUBLICAN last week in defense of the war in the Philippine Islands was unusually fair for an article in which the attempt is made to bolster up a policy of the present national administration.—Beacon."

Thanks. But we desire to inform our friendly contemporary that the present national administration needs no bolstering up. The article referred to dealt mainly with the war in the Philippines, from a national, loyal and moral standpoint. Since our article appeared in the REPUBLICAN, we notice that some of the leading populists have been giving utterance to the same sentiment. On the 7th inst., W. J. Bryan, who is recognized as the leading anti-expansionist, in his speech in California, said that he did not favor withdrawing our army from the Philippine Islands. That the only consistent thing that can be done now, is to whip the insurgents into submission, and then give them the best government the United States can, to maintain order and protect property, until they become capable and can safely be entrusted with self government. Whether Bryan will reiterate the same sentiment when he gets further east is to be seen, but if he does not, it will prove him a demagogue, rather than a conscientious man, as his friends claim for him. It seems that no well balanced person, who is competent to comprehend the situation, can think otherwise, yet we concede there are those who do. But since Bryan has made the statement before an audience of expansionists, it is plain that he has either had a change of heart, or that he has not heretofore been stating his honest convictions to his eastern followers. One cannot imagine of a more disgraceful, cowardly and inhuman act than it would be for this government to sack the American flag, withdraw from the Philippines, and permit Aguinaldo and his crowd of cut throats to have full sway in their insatiate desire to murder, burn and rob the defenseless people of those islands. Yet those who are opposing the policy of the administration and the republican party, would have that done.

"At this time the individual who criticizes the policy of McKinley, in the Philippine Islands, exercises only the right to the freedom of speech guaranteed him by the constitution."—Beacon.

Let us see. Is it not possible for one to exceed his right of the freedom of speech guaranteed him by the constitution? Does the constitution admit of treasonable utterances? Do not our laws provide a penalty for all sorts of crimes, and is not treason classed as one of the most heinous? We have the right of free speech, of a free press. But that right is limited to the extent that it does not infringe on the rights of others. Their rights are as sacred as our own. The president, or congress, as well as an individual, are subjects of legitimate criticism. Any one has a right to criticize either, for official or individual acts, and to advocate any principle, either political, religious, social or otherwise. But this does not guarantee to him the right to aid or assist a foreign power, army or individual who is at war with our government. Those who aid or assist by word or deed others in committing a crime against an individual or a government is an accomplice and under our law is subject to the same punishment as the principle. It is a crime for a subject of this government to take up arms against it. The Filipinos are today and have been since the ratification of the treaty with Spain, subjects of Uncle Sam. Their rebellion against our occupation of the Islands of the Philippines is neither warranted by moral or legal right. Then if according to Webster, "levying war against the United States, or adhering to their enemies, giving them aid or comfort" is treason, not only is

Aguinaldo a traitor to this country, but all who aid or give him comfort violates the constitution and assumes a right of "free speech" the constitution does not give, but instead makes it a crime, and every pop editor who knows enough to e it a paper knows it. President McKinley, in protecting and maintaining our rights in the Philippines, is only doing his duty as a patriot, and just what Bryan said the other day should be done.

### "It Will Not Work."

The g. o. p. attorneys of this city and of little towns in other parts of the county who are interested in the forclosure business, have kept up a regular warfare against Sheriff Leisre since the day he was sworn into office, because he would not have had appraised low enough to sell the farmers out at a sacrifice. They wanted him and still want him to stand in with the appraisers, and suggest a price. Some have even proposed that probably a little on the side would induce him to do so, but it has not. Mr. Leisre is sheriff. They have sprung a new scheme, in the way of pushing Charles Talbot to the front for sheriff, a smooth faced boy only 25 years of age. Their hope for success is, to make the people of Custer county owe it to him for his "bravery in the Philippine war." A young man wholly without a single qualification to meet the requirements of the office elected. This is the one reason they want him elected.—Beacon.

No, such transparent sophistry "will not work." In the first place there were but two attorneys on the delegation in the republican convention that thought Captain Talbot would make a stronger candidate than Charley Penn. As the delegation consisted of 196 delegates, it is not probable that they were his only supporters. In the second place, if the sheriff does not violate his oath he has no more to do with the appraised value of property than the REPUBLICAN. The appraisers who are selected and sworn to appraise the property at its true value, are alone responsible for the appraisal, whether it be high or low. Does the Beacon mean to insinuate that Sheriff Leisre influences appraisers to perjure themselves, or that Eli Armstrong, if elected sheriff, would have no higher regard for his oath or for those he might appoint than to perjure himself or have the appraisers perjure themselves, simply that he might hold on to a county office another term? God forbid. If the insinuation is true, do the voters of Custer county want to elect that class of men to positions of honor and trust. Never! What we want is men who have a holy fear of the laws of man and God. Men who will give to every man his just dues, and men that will be true to their oath. There is no one in Custer county that wants or would aid in any illegitimate way to see a farmer or any other class of business men sold out at a sacrifice. Such talk is all humbug and has been preached by the populist press for the purpose of retaining the sheriff sale notices until it has worn threadbare. Then there are no republican lawyers in any of the "little towns" of the county, with but one exception, and he was not a delegate to the convention, so if there have been any attorneys in any of the little towns in other parts of the county that tried to bribe Sheriff Leisre they were pops and not republicans. There was not attorney influence that nominated Captain Talbot over Charley Penn, nor was the choice of Talbot the result of any clique or ring work as is so often the case in pop conventions. It was an open contest in open convention and the only question of differences was who would make the most popular and efficient sheriff to elect. Both men were regarded worthy of honor. Charley Penn had three times in former years been honored by the republicans with the nomination for the office of sheriff and twice elected. He had filled the position with honor to himself and credit to the county. There has been no lack of respect shown to Mr. Penn as an old soldier, by the republicans of the county, and had he been the choice of the majority of the convention he would have had the loyal support of the republicans and the opposition of the Beacon and Captain Talbot would have had its sympathy, and the republican party would have been abused for not honoring the Manila soldier. But since Talbot has proven to be so popular with populists as well as republicans and democrats, the Beacon has become alarmed and is trying to concoct some scheme to secure his defeat, that it may hold the sheriff sale notices for

another two years. "A smooth faced boy" is a terror to the Beacon through the day and causes its editors to have night mare in their sleep. "A smooth faced boy" who had the courage to go to war in defense of the honor of his country and for the sake of humanity is more of a man than the Beacon can be reconciled to. "A smooth faced boy who is only twenty five years of age", that through his bravery and judgement and good conduct was promoted to the office of captain, and recommended by Governor Pointer for appointment as lieutenant of a company in the regular army, in the eyes of the Beacon is "wholly without a single qualification to meet the requirements of the office if elected." One essential qualification in the eyes of the Beacon no doubt is lacking. He is not a pop and the Beacon knows if he is elected that the sheriff sale notices which it has been subsisting upon for the past nine years will be gone. Poor old Beacon! We sympathize with you. It is too bad, but the decree has gone forth and it must be. Captain Talbot is the ideal man for the office of sheriff of Custer county. The voters of Custer county are not ungrateful, nor are they so partisan hide bound that they will, for the sake of the Beacon, fail to honor the smooth faced boy "for his bravery in the Philippines." He is "smooth faced", but it is no disgrace. He is a man of mature years in age and experience. He is a young man of integrity and noble manhood. Conservative, yet firm and intelligent, a man temperate in his habits, moral in character and gifted with a pleasant and social disposition that every one admires, and he will be Custer county's most efficient and popular sheriff.

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